COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, April 14th, 1884.

The Board of Aldermen Present—Mayor Hyman in the chair; Ald. Birrell, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, Skinner, Stringer, Niven, Hunt, Scarrow, and A. S. Abbott (clerk).

COMMUNICATIONS.

Sam Mills—Remission of taxes. No. 1.

Mrs. Mackay—For tax remission. No. 1.

F. Benson—For exemption from paying peddler's license. No. 3, with power.

W. H. Jackson—For sidewalk. No. 2.

A. Isaacs, clerk London East—Copy of resolution asking terms and conditions re water supply from the city. Deferred till the reading of No. 3 Committee's report.

A. O. Foresters—Asking use of Exhibition Grounds on August 25, for a demonstration. Referred to No. 2, with power.

Wm. J. Element—Re income tax. No. 1.

Thos. Croden—Asking use of City Hall for Friday evening, the 18th, to hold a firemen's quadrille party. Granted free.

J. K. Clare—Re collection of taxes. No. 1, with power.

Joshua Garratt and thirteen others—Asking an asphalt walk north side Princess Avenue between William and Adelaide. No. 2.

John Christie and twelve others—For an asphalt walk south side Central Avenue between Waterloo and Colborne streets. No. 2.

Jas. Taylor—Asking permission to erect a frame house south side Dufferin avenue between William and Adelaide streets. Granted.

Dawson Bros., Montreal, circular. No. 1.

George Cox and others—Complaining of a large open drain flowing through the northeastern part of the city and emptying into Carling's Creek at Wellington street. No. 2.

George Cox and others—Asking for a sidewalk on the South side of Oxford street between Waterloo and Colborne streets. No 2.

John Tweed and others—Asing use of City Hall for 17th to hold an entertainment in aid of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, C. O. F. Granted free.

Johannah Kelly—Respecting taxes. No. 1.

Ed. Lee and others—Asking for an asphalt walk on the northwest side of Princess avenue, between Waterloo and Colborne streets. No. 2.

Dr. McGuigan—"I am instructed by the medical faculty of the Western University to ask you to make provision at once for the accommodation of Mr. W. J. Mitchell, who, according to arrangement made with the City Council last year, is entitled to the position of assistant house surgeon for the six months following the 21st of April." To be taken up with reading of No. 3 report.

H. D. Long, for a sidewalk on the east side of Colborne street between King and York streets. No. 2.

Mayor of London East, for conditions for Water supply. No. 3, with power.

Dr. McGuigan re admission of university pupil to the General Hospital. No. 3.

C. W. Kent and H. M. Douglas, asking that part Richmond street be not watered. No. 3.

A. Dale, secretary Free Library Board—Applying for passage of bylaw raising $25,000 for library purposes. Moved by Ald. Birrell, seconded by Ald. Beattie, that as it is the opinion of the City Solicitor that the issue of debentures under the Free Libraries' Act, on account of special acts of the Legislature in the issue of debentures, would be of doubtful validity, be it resolved that the application of the Free Library Board be not entertained.

REPORT NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman. 1. Petitions of Jas. Logan and others, and Jas. Reid, respecting street watering granted. 2. That supplies for Fire Department, as per requisition attached, be purchased. 3. That S. Woods be granted a bagatelle table license for the balance of the year for $30. 4. Quarterly report Medical Superintendent

General Hospital, and adoption of same. 5. Report of Inspector Bell on licenses collected since March 10th. 6. That the tender of Plastow Bros., amounting to $3,550, for introducing steam heating at the City Hospital, as per specifications, be accepted. 7. Committee ask permission to call for tenders for lighting, cleaning and repairing the city street lamps. 8. That a redistribution of street lamps be made as follows: No. 1 Ward, ten new lamps; No. 2, one; No. 3, ten; No. 4, ten. 9. Your committee beg to submit the following tenders for street watering, per specifications: Henry Wallace, $10 50; to supply teams for said work, John Evans, $2 94 per team per day. Revised and considered seriatim.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 passed; 4 read, and Superintendent's report referred back to committee; 5 passed and 6 read. Ald. Hunt moved, and Ald. Niven seconded, that the tender of Plastow Bros., amounting to $3,550, for introducing steam heating at the City Hospital, be accepted, upon No. 1 reporting funds on same.

Ald. Stringer moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that the clause be struck out. Lost. The motion was then put.

Ald. Scarrow moved a point of order, that the resolution providing for an expenditure of money, should have had a notice of motion.

The Mayor held that the point was not well taken, as the point should be that the matter be referred to No. 1 Committee.

Ald. Scarrow then raised the point suggested and was sustained, the Mayor ruling Ald. Hunt's motion out of order. Ald. Hunt then amended his motion, referring the tender of Plastow Bros. to No. 1 Committee to report funds. Carried.

Clause 7 passed and 8 read. Ald. Beattie and O'Meara—Motion that the clause be struck out. Ald. Scarrow and Stringer—An amendment that a redistribution of gas lamps be made. Lost on the following division: Yeas—Ald. Beattie, Skinner, Stringer and Scarrow. Nays—Birrell, Hunt, O'Meara, Cowan and Niven.

The original motion that the clause be struck out was then carried.

Clause 9 read. Ald. Hunt and Birrell—Motion that the tender of John Evans be accepted. Ald. Stringer and Skinner—An amendment that the tender of Henry Wallace be accepted. Lost on the following division: Yeas—Ald. O'Meara, Skinner, Scarrow and Stringer. Nays—Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Beattie, Cowan and Niven. Ald. Hunt's motion carried.

Report as amended adopted.

THE HOSPITAL.

Ald. Hunt read the letter from Dr. McGuigan in reference to giving the privilege of the position of assistant house surgeon at the hospital to a young man who had attained certain honors at the Western University. Dr. Moore addressed the Council on the matter. The Mayor explained that the application of the faculty last week had by mistake been mislaid, and a verbal statement having been made of it the Council voted a certain privilege.

Mr. Wm. Saunders stated that the faculty had advertised to the world that the position of assistant surgeon, with maintenance, would be given the third year graduate, and if the present Council refused to grant it now the faculty would be in a false position.

The matter was referred to No. 3 to report.

LONDON EAST WATER.

Ald. Stringer moved, and Ald. Hunt seconded, that the matter of fixing the terms and conditions in accordance with which water be granted London East be referred for adjustment and ratification to No. 3 Committee and the Board of Water Commissioners, to meet Tuesday morning. Moved in amendment by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. Beattie, that the terms and conditions of the proposed agreement be read. Carried.

On motion of Ald. Birrell and Hunt, the Council went into Committee of the Whole, with Ald. Skinner in the chair.

Ald. Hunt read the agreement clause by clause. It fixed the rate at $1\frac{1}{3}$; street watering $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents per lineal foot each side of street; agreement to continue in force for ten years, but in case of accident or other causes stopping the supply the city not to be liable.

Ald. O'Meara moved and Ald. Birrell seconded that the agreement may at any time be terminable on one month's notice.

Ald. Scarrow moved an amendment that in the event of the necessity arising to substitute steam for water power this agreement be subject to readjustment of rate on twelve months' notice to London East Council.

Ald. O'Meara's motion was lost, and Ald. Scarrow's was carried.

Ald. Cowan moved that should the municipality of London East at any time before the expiring of this agreement, amalgamate with the city of London, said municipality to be charged at the same rate as the citizens. Carried.

The committee rose and reported; report adopted.

A letter from Mayor Lilley, of London East, in reference to the watering of part of Adelaide street, was referred to No. 3 Committee with power.

A COMPLAINT.

On motion Mr. Brooks was heard, complaining he and other dealers in trees were forced to locate themselves between the Masonic Temple and the market bazaar, where no business could be done.

Ald. Hunt moved, and Ald. Birrell seconded, that the matter be referred to No. 3 Committee with power.

Ald. O'Meara and Skinner, an amendment that the tree dealers be allowed to sell on their old market stand. Lost and motion carried.

SEVENTH REPORT NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Scarrow, in the absence of Ald. Hewitt, chairman :

1. Payment of rolls and accounts, $472 47. 2. That the petition for stone pavement between York and Dundas streets be granted, and that the debentures for the same, bearing interest at 3 per cent., with 3 per cent. sinking fund, be purchased with the sinking fund of the city. 3. That the application of London West for $25, to aid in constructing foot bridge to Kensington, be referred to the Council. 4. Re the petition of Wm. Henderson to tap the sewer on Sydenham street. no objection. 5. Re gravel pits, progress.

Taken up clause by clause ; 1 and 2 passed and 3 read.

Ald. O'Meara moved that $25 be granted. No seconder.

Ald. Hunt and Niven—Motion that the clause be struck out. Carried.

SIXTH REPORT NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrell, chairman, recommending:

1. Payment of the following accounts :

HOSPITAL.

Wm. Hinton	$	67 50
A D. Cameron		120 30
Plastow Broc		123 64
T. Churcher		45 00
C McCallum		80 49
Samuel Cooper		77 45
James Perkins		178 66
J. Ranahan		63 95
Tytler & Bullen		178 49
Pay sheet		162 25
		$1,097 73

RELIEF.

Tytler & Bullen	$	61 50
Wm. Hinton		100 00
Sisters St. Joseph		250 00
Robinson, Little & Co		14 97
	$	426 47

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Jas. Percival	$	27 74
A. D. Cameron		23 97
J. A. Roe		9 00
Bell Telephone Company		20 00
	$	80 71

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Pay sheet, April 3	$	333 55
L. W. Crawford		4 20
Hy. Colerick		37 00
John Bryan		18 00
Skuse & Raymond		22 65
G. N. W. Telegraph Company		13 00
	$	428 40

CITY HALL.

A. D. Cameron	$	184 03
R. Mawhinney		5 00
		189 03

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

A. D. Cameron	$	18 57

MARKET.

B. Johnston	$	25 00
Grand total		$2,265 91

2. Petition Jas. Southcott for rebate of taxes for 1883 and correction of error in sewer rate ; former filed, $3 60 allowed on latter. 3, That all charges for taxes on Widow Brown's property, lot 3, north Nelson street, prior to 1883 be struck off as per your No. 1 Committee's report of Feb. 6, 1882, and Jan. 30, 1883 ; 4. Petition Geo. Edelstone, error in income assessment granted. 5. Petition of C. Greason granted, by allowing payment of 1879 taxes without interest, to be received up to July 1, 1884. 6. Petition of Mrs. Hyde, for tax remission, granted. 7. In the petition of the Imperial Oil Company for exemption from taxation, your committee beg to recommend that the assessors be instructed to assess the company for personal property for five years at $5,000 per annum. 8. Petitions of Mrs. T. Lawrence, Edwin Gillett and Andrew Keefe be filed. 9. Progress re petition of Charles Bricklin. 10. Your committee have reconsidered the 12th clause of the fifth report, and now beg to recommend that in view of the beneficial effect to the city of improvement under the Local Improvement Act, that local improvement debentures be purchased when thought desirable with moneys from the sinking fund, said debentures to bear interest at 3 or 4 per cent., at the option of the Council, with sinking fund sufficient to pay at maturity, and that the general rate each year be charged with the difference between the rate of interest of said debentures and 5 per cent, the amount of interest charged to general fund to be the amount for which the general fund is liable for such improvement.

11. That in the matter of the county's claim for payment of a proportion of the Clerk of the Peace and Sheriff's charges re administration of criminal justice from March 11, 1879, to the present, and no proportion of said charges having previously

been borne by the city, your committee beg to recommend that the city pay to the county 20 per cent. of the following charges of the Clerk of the Peace, viz:—Charges general filing magistrates' papers, letters to magistrates and others, filing certified sentences County Judges Criminal Court, keeping record of attendance of crown witnesses, receiving and filing voters' lists, filing papers of County Judges' Crimininal Court, inquisition, appeals, Assize and General Session; also indictments at Sessions, returns and convictions to Ontario and Dominion Governments, Ontario Gazette, calling recognizances at Sessions, printing schedule of sittings of Division and County Judge's Criminal Courts, preparing for publication schedule of convictions for the Ontario Government, Dominion Government for Courthouse and Clerk of the Peace Office, copy of report to Treasurer of Ontario, to Minister of Agriculture, adjourned Sessions, filing receipts for statutes, reports to Government and printing certificates; also the city to pay the whole of the charges for filing Police Magistrates convictions from the 11th of March, 1879, to the 31st December, 1883, in full settlement of the county's claim in respect thereof and to pay the same proportion for the years 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and to continue paying the same for subsequent years until notice be given by the city to the county of a desire to change said agreemeet; and to pay 70 per cent. of the sheriff's account for discharging prisoners for same period prior to 1884, and to pay the same proportion for the five years above-mentioned and to continue paying the same on the same condition as above.

Taken up clause by clause; 1 to 10 inclusive passed and 11 read.

Moved by Ald. Cowan, seconded by Ald. Niven, that clause No. 11 of No. 1 Committee's report be amended by striking out the words "11th of March, 1879," and substituting therefore the first of January, 1882. Carried.

In reply to a question the Mayor said the powder bylaw would be enforced.

THE COW NUISANCE.

Ald. Birrell and Skinner—Motion that the Police Commissioners be instructed to appoint a special cow constable.

Ald. O'Meara and Scarrow proposed that he be paid $1 25 per day, and Ald. O'Meara further proposed that the bylaw do not operate north of Cheapside street. Before any one of the above motions was put the Council adjourned, lacking a quorum.